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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Special Group (CI) Meeting
2 p.m., Thursday, May 16, 1963

PRESENT: Governor Harriman, The Attorney General, Mr. Gilpatric,
General Taylor, Mr. Forrestal, Mr. Coffin vice Mr. Bell, Mr.
Wilson vice Mr. Murrow, Mr. Karamessines vice Mr. McCone

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Mr. Martin and Mr. Belcher were present for Item 1

Mr. Bowling was present for Item 3.

Mr. Maechling was present for the meeting.

1. Internal Defense Plan for Bolivia

Mr. Martin reviewed the actions taken by the responsible departments to revise the Internal Defense Plan to comply with the instructions of the Special Group. He stated that projects not relevant to internal defense had been deleted and the Plan modified to include only those unfunded additional projects which can be given consideration by the responsible Washington agencies. Due to the short time available to revise this Plan, it was not possible to submit this revised Plan to the Country Team. However, the first quarterly review will give the Country Team the opportunity to make any desired recommendations on priorities or courses of actions.

The Attorney General inquired as to the status of our efforts to work

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type of people on the scene to carry out effective programs.

The Chairman mentioned that our Ambassador for Bolivia will be in Washington next week and he will be informed by State that this subject will be discussed during his visit. The Attorney General pointed out that he would like to determine what Washington can do to help on this matter.

The Group approved the Internal Defense Plan as submitted and noted that it was also approved by the Latin American Policy Committee on May 9.

The Group acknowledged that there is a need to revise the current instructions on the preparation of Internal Defense Plans. Mr. Maechling commented that State is aware of this need and is now drafting revised instructions. It was agreed that State would submit to the Group an inter-agency cleared draft of a revised instruction to the field on the preparation of Internal Defense Plans. This draft should also include instructions for submitting periodic progress reports. The Group also requested

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State to prepare a report on the schedule for the submission of such progress reports to the Group.

2. Indonesia

a. Indonesian Police Programs

Mr. Coffin gave a summary review of the AID report on this item. General Taylor commented that the limited number of advisors assigned to the Mobile Brigade may be inadequate in view of its strength and para-military mission. He suggested that Defense, if required, could assist in making additional advisors available.

The Group discussed the reasons for the delay in the procurement of arms and ammunition for the Mobile Brigade. It was agreed that reaction time on projects of this type should be improved. The responsible desk officers within State and AID should monitor projects to insure that necessary follow through is accomplished.

The Group requested AID to submit a report at the next meeting of the sequence of actions to provide equipment, including arms and ammunition, for the Mobile Brigade. This report should indicate how this was handled by AID and what steps have been taken to improve this situation. Mr. Coffin will determine if AID can meet the planned delivery dates for both vehicles and arms and ammunition being sent to Indonesia.

b. Indonesian Civic Action Program

During the review of the status of the civic action program in Indonesia, Mr. Coffin pointed out that the program is now funded and the Phase I equipment will arrive by July, 1963. He mentioned that a problem may develop in obtaining manpower to carry out this program if the planned demobilization of the Armed Forces does not occur. The members agreed that this is a good program and General Taylor pointed out that it is under the close observation of Nasution.

Mr. Forrestal asked what actions have been taken by AID on the Country Team request to waive the requirement for the Government of Indonesia to deposit local currency counterpart funds for civic action projects. This request was made in Djakarta Telegram 1298 dated 8 March 1963. The Group requested State and AID to submit a report at the next meeting on how this matter was handled.

Following a discussion of the Country Team proposal for an expanded program to provide training for Indonesian military officers in civil fields, the Group requested AID and DOD to report on the status of this proposal.

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The Group agreed that this matter should be kept under close scrutiny by CIA and subsequent reports should be submitted to the Group if the situation deteriorates. Mr. Bowling commented that he was concerned over the possibility of an overland link-up with the Soviets which would

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The Chairman mentioned that Embassy Tehran had responded to the State cable urging intensified efforts by the Country Team to assist the land reform program and methods by which we can influence Iran to modify its conservative fiscal policy. He suggested that after this response has been studied by the responsible Washington agencies it should be brought to the attention of the Group.

Miscellaneous

A. The Group agreed that the meeting scheduled for May 30, 1963 will be changed to May 28, 1963 at 2 p.m.

[Signature]
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